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For: LISTERIA ATTENUATED FOR ENTRY INTO
NON-PHAGOCYtic CELLS, VACCINES
COMPRISING THE LISTERIA, AND
METHODS OF USE THEREOF

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated January 31, 2007 (Paper No. 20070117), for which a response is due on April 30, 2007. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for 3 month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to July 31, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.